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**Cory's 'The Birds of Eastern North America. Part II. Land Birds.'**[1] — Part II of Mr. Cory's 'Birds of Eastern North America' comprises the 'Key to the Families and Species of the Land Birds,' to which is added a list of all the birds of eastern North America. The 'Land Birds' are treated after the same plan as the 'Water Birds,' already noticed at some length in this journal (Vol. XVI, 1899, pp. 366, 367). There is the same lavishness of illustration and the same brevity of text, the illustrations in both cases forming the main basis of the work, these being so numerous and so well-chosen that the text may be considered as the thread that connects them and explains their application. In this respect the work is unique. Bills, wings, tails and feet are the parts chiefly figured, with a full-length illustration of at least one representative species for each genus. The Keys are founded primarily on size as indicated by the length of the closed wing, the land birds being divided on this basis into five 'groups,' which are subdivided into 'sections' according to the form of the bill or feet, etc.; these are subdivided, as occasion requires, on other characters.

In the order of make-up there is first an 'Index Key to Families' (pp. 131, 132); then the 'Key to Families' (pp. 133–148), in which the arrangement is wholly arbitrary, beginning with the Hummingbirds and ending with the larger game birds and the larger birds of prey. This is followed by the 'Key to the Species' (pp. 149–324), in which the families, with their genera and species, follow each other in natural sequence. The text under each is reduced to a brief statement of essential characters. Following the name of each species and subspecies is a reference by number to the 'List' that follows (pp. 325–387). This is a revised reprint of the author's previously published 'List of the Birds of Eastern North America,' which in arrangement and nomenclature follows strictly the A. O. U. Check-List. It comprises 500 species and 70 additional subspecies, all numbered consecutively, and each followed by a brief statement of its geographical range. The author in his 'Key to Families' of North American birds has certainly reduced the difficulty of identifying our birds to a minimum, and anyone so unfortunate as not to be able to identify his specimens, in any state of plumage, by Mr. Cory's 'Keys' may well give up the attempt in despair. — J. A. A.

**'Avium Generum Index Alphabeticus.'** — The British Ornithologists' Club has recently published "An Alphabetical Index to the Genera

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[1] The Birds | of | Eastern North America | known to occur East of the Ninetieth Meridian | — | Part II | — | Land Birds | —Key to the Families and Species | — | By | Charles B. Cory | Curator of the Department of Ornithology in the Field Columbian Museum Chicago.... | — | Special Edition printed for the | Field Columbian Museum, Chicago, Ill. | 1899. — Large 8vo, pp. i–ix, 131–387, with several hundred illustrations in the text.